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What Is The Reason?

WE imagine that regular listeners to Radio Hongkong programmes will have learned with some recent comment that the weekly feature, "Down Memory Lane," which has been running continuously for more than five years, is to come off the air at the end of this month. For scores of listeners who are not ashamed to admit that nostalgia possesses an appeal, Alleen Woods' programme provides stimulating entertainment. It has become an integral part of Radio Hongkong, and listeners are entitled to know why it is being found necessary to remove this feature from the station's programmes. We doubt very much it is because its designer and compiler has grown weary of the task; we hope very much that it is not so, because it is the personality which has, from the first, engraved itself on the programme which has made it so delightfully refreshing each week. If the removal of "Down Memory Lane" is a decision based on administrative policy, then we suggest that it be immediately reviewed and rescinded. Listeners hear little enough that originates from the station and they should not be deprived of something which is widely popular in order to fit the whims of officials. And if, on the other hand, "Down Memory Lane" has to go off the air because of a cheese-sparing policy on the part of the Treasury, which is notoriously niggardly when it comes to providing finance for Radio Hongkong, then the situation calls for investigation on the highest Government levels, and if thought necessary, a more liberal attitude to Radio Hongkong by the Treasury ordered. Radio Hongkong must not be deprived of its popular features unless there is a very good and acceptable reason for so doing.

Truman's Warning

PRÉSIDENT Truman's final State of the Union message can rank as one of the most memorable he has delivered during his term of office extending over eight years. It was notable in a number of respects, not the least being his direct address to Stalin and the Kremlin and his warning that if they continue to base their policies on the Lenin theory that war between the Communist states and the free world was inevitable, it would mean ruin for Russia and her present regime. It would be supremely comforting to feel there was any prospect of Russia acknowledging the reality of Mr Truman's warning, and of the Kremlin renouncing its international policies accordingly. But the trend of events, particularly since 1945, holds out no such promise. All the signs are that the Soviet leaders have committed themselves to a long-term and thoroughly planned scheme for world domination; that though they almost certainly realise that a war in which the most destructive atomic weapons would be employed could not possibly determine the development of a Communist society, they intend to go ahead with their nefarious plan. Mr Truman's warning will probably fall on deaf ears, not that it does reveal to the Soviets that the democracies are no longer blind to the overt threat of Imperialistic Communism, and are now prepared to withstand it, wherever, and in whatever form it may display itself. That, too, is another warning Mr Stalin and his leaders should heed.

GRAVE RIOTS IN KARACHI

New Controls On Hongkong Exports

Washington, Jan. 8.

A tightening of controls intended to prevent Chinese goods entering America through Hongkong has been announced by the United States Treasury Department. Under a new plan all merchandise leaving Hongkong for America must have an official export certificate from the colony. —Reuter.

Edinburgh Is All Set For The Wedding

(Our Own Correspondent)

Edinburgh, Jan. 8.

Part of Edinburgh's "Royal Mile" — the High Street — will be closed to all traffic for about three hours when the marriage of the Earl of Dalkeith and Miss Jane McNeill, daughter of the Hongkong barrister, takes place here on Saturday.

Thousands will see the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and other members of the royal family arrive to attend the wedding.

Special car parking arrangements are being made by the Police and a fleet of buses will be available to take guests direct from St Giles Cathedral to the reception.

Tenants and employees on the estates of the Duke of Buccleuch, the bridegroom's father, will have special reserved seats in the cathedral which will give them a clear view of the bridal procession down the long, central aisle.

Mr John McNeill, QC, who has arrived in Edinburgh, will give his daughter away.

There will be four bridesmaids and six pages, led by Prince Richard, son of the Duchess of Gloucester.

Dr Herbert Howells has composed a special piece of music to be played before the arrival of the bride at the cathedral. It is entitled "Siciliano for a High Ceremony," and is dedicated to the bride.

Miss Isabel Bellie and a choir of forty will sing during the ceremony which will be performed by the Rt Rev. Bishop Kenneth Warner.

After the honeymoon, "some-where-abroad," the Earl of Dalkeith and his bride will live in a small house on the Duke of Buccleuch's estate.

BUS DISASTER

Buenos Aires, Jan. 8.

At least 10 persons were killed when a Buenos Aires city bus caught fire today while travelling in the capital city's streets. —France-Press.

9 Killed, More Than 60 Injured REDS TO BLAME

Karachi, Jan. 8.

Armed troops sped into Karachi today to break up Communist-led rioting which killed at least nine persons and injured more than 60 in two days. Soldiers of the Eighth Punjab Regiment restored order after police rifles, clubs and tear gas had failed to control the mob of stone-throwing student rioters.

The Police Commissioner, Mr A. Naqui, said at least seven persons were killed in the fighting today, but student organisations said the toll was at least 12 dead.

Two persons died of injuries received in a similar clash yesterday. Forty-one policemen and 19 rioters were known to be injured but the police said an unknown number of wounded rioters had been removed from the "battlefield" by friends. Unofficial sources said as many as 100 persons might have been hurt in the fighting.

His Last Budget Today

Washington, Jan. 8.

President Truman is scheduled to send to Congress at noon on Friday his budget proposals for the fiscal year starting next July 1.

Prospects are that he will ask for expenditures of about \$78,000,000,000, an overwhelming part of which will go for defence of this and other free nations against Communist aggression.

The foreign aid part of this probably will be about the same as the President asked last year, although Congress cut his request then by more than \$1,000,000,000 and seems to be in a mood to make an ever larger cut this year. President Truman's last request for foreign aid was \$7,900,000,000.

This will be Mr Truman's eighth and last budget as he leaves his office in less than two weeks.

The new administration of General Dwight Eisenhower may make some changes in it, but experts say that no radical departures can be accomplished in the first year of the new regime. Consequently, what Mr Truman proposes on Friday will be the basic working document of the new Congress.

It will contain funds for the atomic and hydrogen bomb programmes, the fourth year of Korean war aid, the North Atlantic Treaty nations, India, China and other nations of the East and the Middle East. —United Press.

Terrorists In Malaya Abandon Their Camps

Singapore, Jan. 9.

A joint sweep carried out by the Malayan-Siam police, assisted by British Commonwealth troops and RAF on both sides of the Thai-Malayan border, is forcing the withdrawal of a large gang of Malayan Communist terrorists, according to reports reaching the police authorities in Kedah, North Malayan state adjoining Thailand, yesterday.

Nine terrorist camps capable of accommodating 400 persons were found destroyed. The reports said the sweep extended as far as the Siamese towns of Singgori, Hadayak and Sadao, and most of the retreating terrorists were believed to have crossed into Thailand to avoid capture.

A police spokesman said the Malayan-Thailand security forces went into action on Boxing Day as a result of reports that a large gang of terrorists was active near the border, which has long been "infested" by rebels.

On December 14, a Siamese district officer at Sadao was killed with three Siamese constables, and increased violence and sabotage were reported. In Perlis, another North Malayan state on the Thai-Malayan border.

Commenting on the operation which ended yesterday, the police spokesman said, "The plan of co-operation shown by the Thai-Malayan police forces was excellent." —United Press.

Forty rioters were arrested after today's outbreak, which the police said was organised by the Communist-led "Democratic Students' Federation." The disorder was ostensibly a student demonstration, but Mr Naqui said most of the fighting was done by Communist agitators.

Officials reported Karachi "all quiet" at 6.30 p.m., but military patrols were still cruising the centre of the city. City officials ordered all colleges closed for three days and police sound trucks circulated through the city, announcing a 9 p.m. curfew.

The Evening Times charged, in an extra edition, that one of the dead was a 12-year-old boy, whose body lay unattended in the street for two hours while the police held back bystanders who tried to administer first aid. —United Press.

ORGANISED BY REDS

Associated Press reports that the Police Commissioner charged in a communique tonight that the students' procession which touched off the fighting were organised by the Communist-inspired "Democratic Students' Federation" and other non-student Communists.

He said the police have information which shows that the students were misled by certain political and other interested parties and on-students who joined their processions, and thus caused most of the trouble, forcing the police to open fire.

The students were demonstrating against police use of tear gas and batons to disperse their demonstration yesterday when they were protesting against increased fees and other grievances.

When the students assembled today the Prime Minister, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, went in his car to address them, the car was overturned and set on fire. Then police went into action, using tear gas and batons and at first only firing blanks.

They turned to live ammunition as resistance grew fiercer during the four-hour battle. Later the military commander of the area, Major-General Muhammad Moosa, and the Secretary of the Defence Ministry, Iskander Mirza, toured the deserted streets of the battle zone. —Associated Press.

Vast Sabotage Plan

Buenos Aires, Jan. 8.

Local authorities today attributed the fires which have destroyed crops and pastures over thousands of acres in Buenos Aires Province to a vast plan to sabotage production.

An official statement in the city of Eva Peron (named after President Peron's wife who died last year) said there had been one hundred fires. Nothing like it had happened before. Nor had other provinces suffering from the current dry spell had fires.

Three fires yesterday destroyed nearly 25,000 acres of rice grain crops. —Reuters.



BRITAIN'S FORMOSA POLICY

Revision Requested

(By Charles Foley)

Washington, Jan. 8.

One of the most crucial questions which arose during Prime Minister Churchill's final talk with the new United States Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, was the future of Formosa.

Mr Dulles said he was not an "unilateralist" and that he would be guided by the Nationalist Government in Formosa. Mr Dulles, according to Washington informants, impressed on Mr Churchill the need for a review of British policy in favour of Chiang Kai-shek. This would help open the way to using his Chinese Nationalist troops based on Formosa as a formidable threat against Red China if she doesn't end the Korean war.

Mr Churchill leaves for his Jamaican holiday tomorrow in the blue and silver Presidential aeroplane. —United Press.

ALL SAVED

Durban, Jan. 8.

The 10,555-ton Dutch liner Klipfontein sank off the coast of Portuguese Africa today, but all the 233 persons aboard were saved.

Radio reports received here tonight said the ship struck an "unknown object" in the Indian Ocean, about five miles off the coast of Mozambique and about 100 miles north of the Portuguese colonial city of Lourenço Marques.

The vessel sank in 45 minutes. The 10,400-ton British liner Bloemfontein Castle reached the scene in time to rescue all of the Klipfontein's 114 passengers and crew of 119, although the Dutch ship's bow- and stern engines were injured. —United Press.

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TEST MATCH SCORE

Sydney, Jan. 9.

South Africa made a disastrous start in the third Test cricket match against Australia today, losing their first five wickets for 118 runs. —Reuter.

Japan-Korea Discussions To Resume

Pusan, Jan. 8.

A Republic of Korea source said today that diplomatic negotiations with Japan which were broken off last April will be resumed in the near future.

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Death Sentence On Two Spies

Ankara, Jan. 8.

Two spies were sentenced to death by a military court here today. The two spies were a Turk from Bulgaria and a former official in the National Defence Ministry. —France-Press.

Manslaughter Charge Against Local Doctor

An additional charge of manslaughter was preferred by the Prosecution against Dr Robert Symons, 39, of 35 Macdonnell Road, already charged with dangerous driving, careless driving, failing to stop after an accident and failing to report an accident before Mr Hissing Lo at Central Police Station.

The accused is represented by Mr O. V. Cheong, instructed by Mr F. Zimmerman.

The defendant is alleged to have knocked down a 50-year-old Chinese woman, Ng Sam-see, while travelling in his car, along Queen's Road East, opposite the HWA Tam, at 6.15 a.m. on January 1.

The woman was fatally injured and died shortly after the accident.

The date of hearing was fixed for February 2, 3 and 4, and the defendant's \$1,000 bail was extended for one week.

Disguised Soldiers



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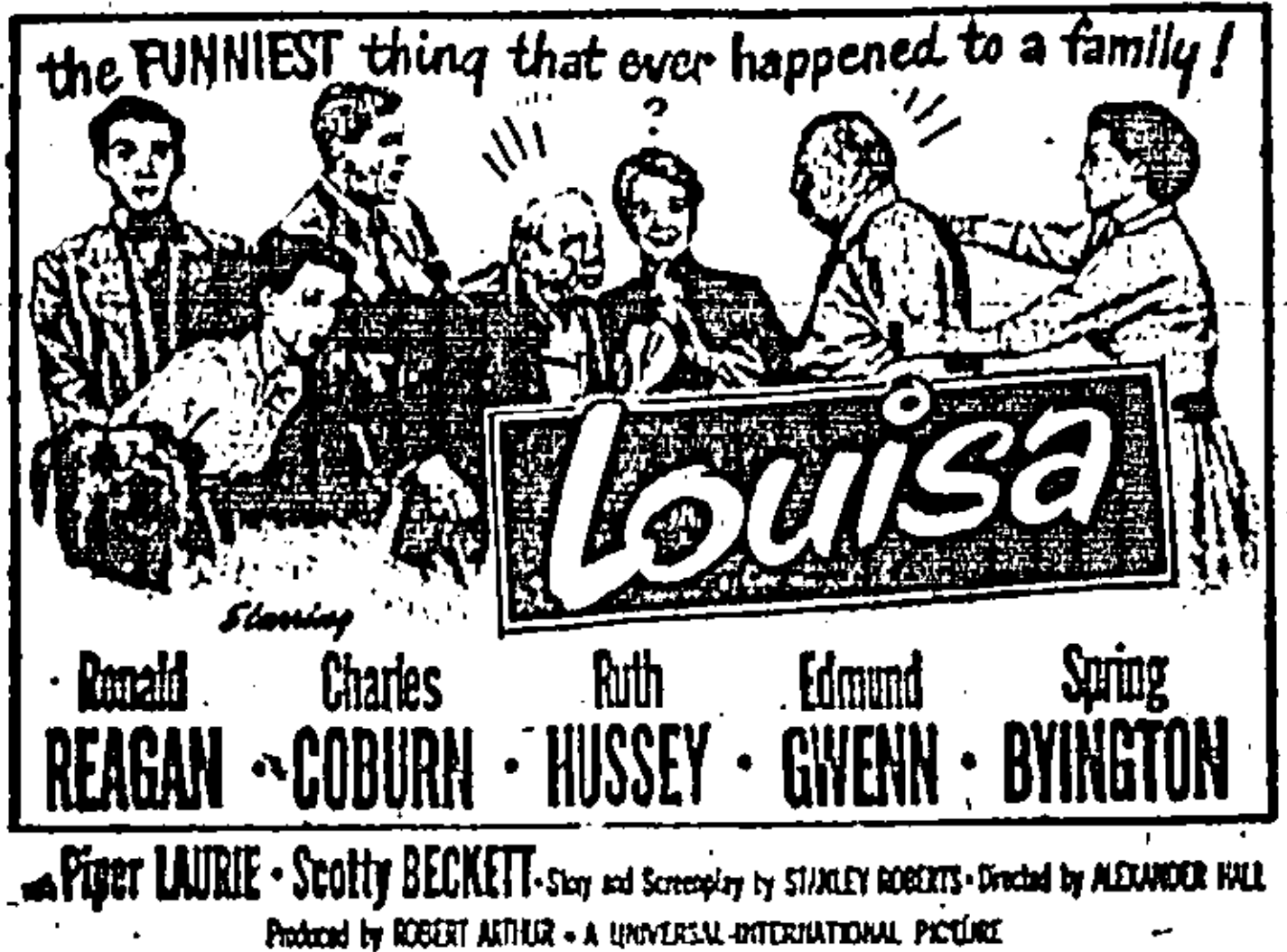
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Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick (left), a fluent speaker of German, listening to an address of welcome by the Rector of the Berlin Technical University before himself addressing the students. Sir Ivone is the British High Commissioner for Germany. — Expressphoto.

Economic Life In East Germany Under Heavy Strain

Berlin, Jan. 8. Three separate crises — food, transport and manpower — have hit East Germany's economy simultaneously. By early December, economic life had ebbed to a dangerously low level. In provincial towns, housewives were queuing for almost everything, even salt and matches, according to newspaper reports.

In State construction jobs, managers waited hopelessly for promised steel which never arrived. Clothing shelves in East Berlin State shops (HO) were bare, though temperatures outside were freezing. Officials admitted that the railway system was in chaos and could not begin to solve the distribution crisis. Young, unskilled workers, hastily thrust into factories, fill labour gaps wasted tons of material by turning out shoddy and unusable products. Barracks for the new army on the Polish frontier, due for completion in October, were abandoned in skeleton state in November until the spring. Allied officials in Berlin said that they feared famine in East Germany by next spring. They called the country the "sick man" of East Europe. Only a strong shot in the arm, in the form of Soviet relief supplies could prevent collapse, they said. These officials felt sure that supplies would arrive in time, however, since "East Germany cannot be allowed to fall out just now."

BAD PLANNING
Throughout October, November and December newspaper attacks multiplied against "bad planning, red tape, hoarders, poor distribution and saboteurs." The newspapers printed treble the usual number of readers' complaints—always an ominous sign in a Communist-run country. These complaints were of little or no food, no coal, bad lighting, no clothing or shoes, wasted hours waiting for trains which ran late, and, when power cuts were made, state-produced candles that would not keep alight.

Fate Dependent On Attitude Of The Gaullists

Paris, Jan. 8. The Radical leader, M. Rene Mayer, today gave France its eighteenth post-war Cabinet — an uneasy partnership of five political groups which faces immediate troubles over the 1953 budget. After 22 hours of almost non-stop talks, M. Mayer named a government of 23 Ministers with a political structure closely resembling that of the previous Premier, M. Antoine Pinay, who resigned a fortnight ago through lack of budget support.

The new Cabinet which first meets tomorrow night or Saturday morning has, as its most urgent task, the 1953 budget prepared by M. Pinay. On this M. Mayer has said there will have to be further economies. M. Mayer is believed to war to go to Washington next month or in March—in any case before the next meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Foreign Ministers—in discuss further aid to Indo-China and the vexed question of American offshore purchases.

GAULLISTS THE KEY
Meanwhile, the fate of the new government is believed to be pretty solidly in the hands of the 85 Gaullist members of the National Assembly. After 22 hours of negotiations with various groups, M. Mayer named a government of 23 Ministers which contained seven Radicals, seven Moderates, six Popular Republicans, two Leftist Radicals and one dissident Gaullist.

The Gaullists, though they had supported M. Mayer when he received a vote of confidence in the National Assembly yesterday, said they would not take part in the government. Besides the Gaullists, parties outside the government include the Socialists and Communists and some extreme Rightist groups.

M. Antoine Pinay, whose resignation, because he could not get support for his budget, caused the crisis, had six Moderates, Conservatives, five Radicals, four Popular Republicans and two Leftist Radicals in his government of seventeen ministers. The party complexion of the two governments is, therefore, much the same.

SCHUMAN OUT
The biggest change made by M. Mayer is in the Foreign Ministry, where M. Robert Schuman, who has held the post

Air Action In Korea

Seoul, Jan. 8. Allied bombers slashed at Communist concentrations along the freezing front today. The Air Force said planes knocked out a road bridge on a vital enemy supply route south of Sungyo in Central Korea. In addition they destroyed five Red occupied buildings and seven Communist supply shelters along the front.

On the mountain front fighter-bombers teamed with an American infantry raiding party in blasting a Communist hill position early today. On the opposite end of the mountainous eastern sector, South Koreans blasted a tunnel on the slopes of Anchor Hill on Wednesday night with 200 pounds of T.N.T. All Communists in the tunnel were killed.

Sabre jets swept Mt. Alley on Thursday but reported no aerial battles. — Associated Press.

economical goals are juggled, targets dates switched and priorities altered. Abrupt and wasteful policy changes of this nature, result in one line of goods reaching 100 per cent output while another attains only 65 per cent in the same period. Simply put, it means 1,000 wireless ehlms but only 200 valves. — Reuter.

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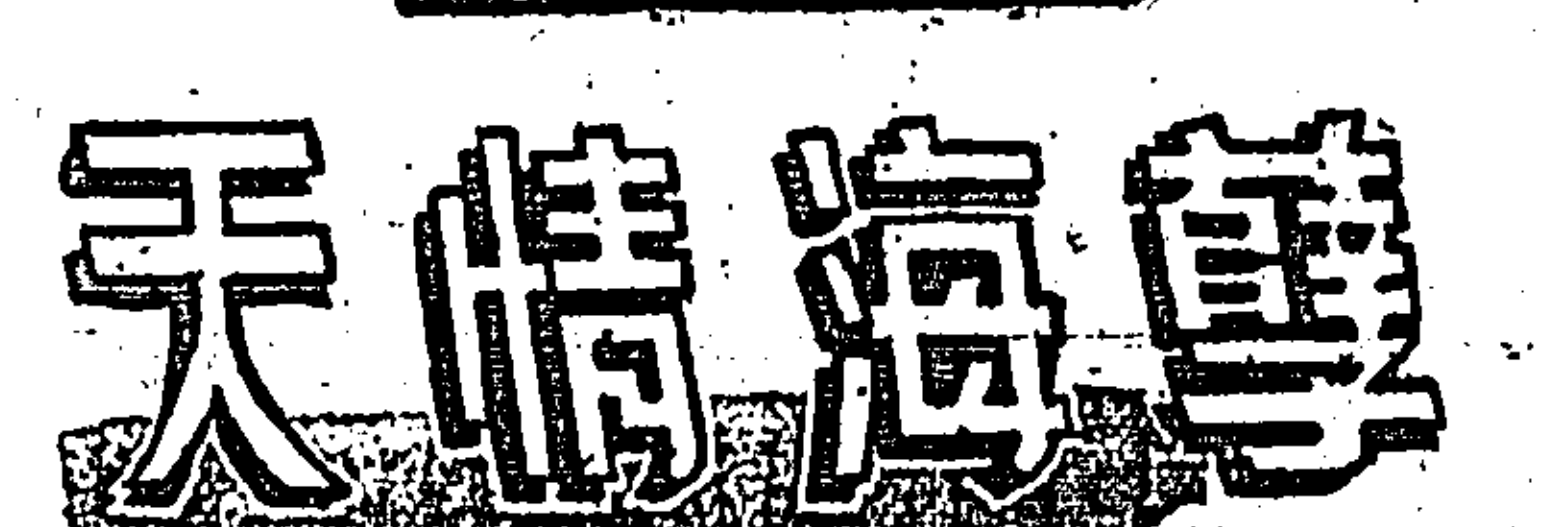
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Churchill Activities Stimulate Belief In Gold Price Pressure

Japanese Stay Tight-Lipped

New Delhi, Jan. 8. The three-day closed door session of Japanese diplomats from 11 Asian countries ended here tonight. Japanese sources were tight-lipped as to the nature and results of the conference. Press photographers were forbidden to take pictures. But sources close to the conference said the discussions covered a wide range of subjects affecting the Japanese position in Asia, commercially, politically and culturally.—Associated Press.

TUC BAULK AT LABOUR BLUEPRINT

London, Jan. 8. Britain's Trade Union leaders decided today to withhold their support of the Labour Party's new nationalisation plans until special committees have investigated the plans.

A policy blueprint recently produced by the Labour Party proposed nationalisation of heavy engineering, the aircraft industry, textile machinery, chemicals and shipbuilding.

Today the Trade Union chiefs—General Council of the 8,000,000-strong Trades Union Congress—met in joint session with the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party to discuss the new socialist programme.

The meeting proposed, without a specific assurance of Trade Union backing, a full-scale nationalisation programme.—Reuters.

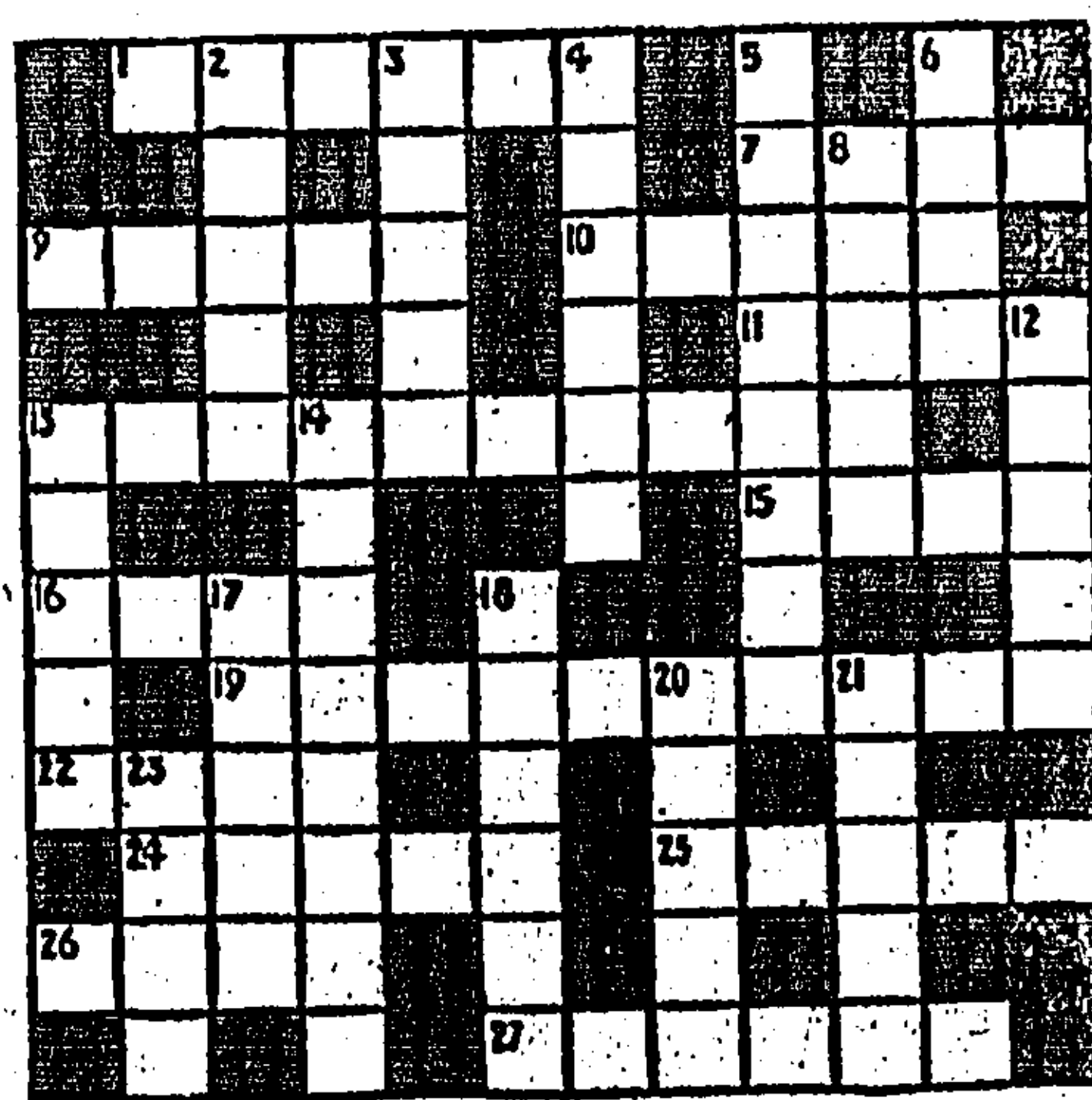
Plague Alarm In Yemen

Tai, Yemen, Jan. 8. Reports of a plague epidemic spreading in Southern Yemen today caused wide activity in this tiny capital.

Semi-official sources stated that a medical party was rushed to Shurafa village, a few miles from the Aden Protectorate, after alarming reports.

The nature of the epidemic and the number of lives lost are unknown yet. Yemenite planes are now continuously spraying DDT over extensive areas.—Associated Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

DOWN

- 1 Summary (6).
- 7 Rejoice (4).
- 9 Come after (5).
- 10 Fruit (5).
- 11 Hugo (4).
- 13 Limited (10).
- 15 Bring up (4).
- 16 Meditate (4).
- 19 Felted illness (10).
- 20 Wooden strip (4).
- 24 Similar (5).
- 25 Grown-up (5).
- 26 Oven (5).
- 27 Abundant (6).

- 2 Hazards (5).
- 3 Applaud (5).
- 4 Char (6).
- 5 The world (6).
- 6 Dregs (4).
- 8 Shun (5).
- 12 Weary (5).
- 13 Fables (5).
- 14 Negotiating (6).
- 17 Little (6).
- 18 Amuse (6).
- 20 Elegance (5).
- 21 Tithery (4).
- 23 Deposited (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Fodder, 4 Adept, 7 Dispel, 8 Avolt, 10 Loan, 12 Menapies, 15 Spoor, 19 To-do, 17 Rate, 20 Ripen, 20 Specialist, 21 Stab, 23 Merry, 24 Solace, 25 Froze, 26 Ghetto, Down: 1 Fiddlers, 2 Distaste, 3 Even, 5 Devils, 6 Pried, 9 Pail, 11 Spectator, 12 Moral, 13 Contract, 14 Sambreco, 18 Apper, 22 Cold.

London, Jan. 8.

Mr Winston Churchill's activities in New York have stimulated the belief among financial quarters here that a higher gold price is being talked about as one way of reducing American dollar aid to needy Western allies.

New ideas on the thesis of raising the gold price above the fixed level of \$35 per fine ounce have been growing up here since the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference in November of last year.

Reports from New York now strongly suggest that Mr Churchill had talked about this matter with the Minister-designate of the forthcoming Republican administration. This is believed to be the prelude to a larger and more formal conference due to take place in Washington this Spring.

It is reported that South Africa's Finance Minister, Mr N. C. Havenga, who has argued the case for a higher gold price since the end of World War II, has been asked to join Mr Churchill's team for the Washington conference.

The "Financial Times" in an editorial today argued in favour of a higher price for gold in commenting on the current monthly Letter of the National City Bank of New York which argues against any change.

"It is an open secret now that a rise in the gold price was discussed at the Commonwealth conference. The omission of any mention of this subject in the communiqué has only increased the confidence of those who believe that something is in the wind," the "Financial Times" said.—United Press.

Takes Stroll On 60-Foot High Ledge

Plymouth, Jan. 8. A Royal Marine Commando, Corporal Leslie Duckworth, 25, of the Royal Marine Barracks, Stonehouse, Plymouth, who was found walking along a 60-foot high ledge on the roof of a building on Plymouth Hoe, told Plymouth magistrates he had injured his spine and wanted to see whether he had still got the nerve for climbing.

He was fined £3 for being found on enclosed premises.

A Royal Marine officer said Duckworth had just returned after more than two and a half years in Malaya.

The chairman said Duckworth's officer spoke "in very high terms of his work with the Marines, so the Bench was dealing leniently with him."—Reuters.

AIR PIRATE CREATES PROBLEMS

Manila, Jan. 9. The knotty problems involving the return to the Philippines of the Chinese would-be air pirate, Ang Chio Kio, now held by the Philippine authorities, were discussed anew by the Philippine Foreign Affairs Secretary, Joaquin M. Elizalde, and the Chinese Nationalist Ambassador, Chan Chih-ping.

Mr Elizalde denied that the Chinese Nationalist authorities in Formosa had ever advanced two conditions for the return of Ang.

He admitted, however, that the knotty problems involved in the transfer were now being thrashed out by officials both of the Philippine and the Chinese Nationalist Government.

It was learned that negotiations currently going on in Manila and Taipei were centred on this one question: who has the greater claim on Ang, the Philippines or the Chinese Nationalist Government?

Meanwhile, the release of 50 to 60 Chinese, recently arrested by the Philippine government in its round up of Communist suspects, was questioned by the Chinese Nationalist Ambassador. These Chinese are being detained in Camp Murphy.

Ambassador Chan told Mr Elizalde that the Chinese Nationalist Embassy felt certain that at least 50 to 60 of the Chinese nationals under detention are Communist suspects and, therefore, should be released.

The Chinese Nationalist Embassy is understood to have complete files on the Philippine Chinese Reds.—France-Press.

Surprise Trade Mission To Soviet

Vienna, Jan. 9. Prague Radio reported last night that a Czechoslovakia trade mission, headed by the new Minister for Foreign Trade, Richard Dvorak, left for Moscow earlier in the day in order to conclude a trade agreement. Well-informed circles here expressed surprise at the report, in view of the fact that the Czechoslovak Government had approved a new trade agreement with the Soviet Union for this year.

M. Dvorak has been Minister for Foreign Trade since December 2, 1952, and succeeded Antonin Gregor, of whom nothing has since been heard. Two of Gregor's colleagues were sentenced respectively to death and to life imprisonment after the Slansky trial.—France-Press.

Red Infiltration Into P.I.

Manila, Jan. 9. The Philippines Defence Department today (Friday) moved to tighten its Southern sea defences against Communist agents illegally entering the Islands through the Sulu Sea.—Associated Press.

Christmas On The "Waterfront"



The Christmas holidays were watery ones for the people of many villages in the Dutch province of Limburg, where the River Maas overflowed its banks. Picture shows a typical scene. (Express photo).

British Everest Expedition To Learn The Lessons

London, Jan. 8.

The British think they know where the Swiss failed in their two attempts to climb Mount Everest and are hopeful they will succeed in their own assault on the world's highest peak some time in March or April.

Reports of the Swiss expeditions of 1952, both of which ended a few hundred feet from the summit, have been closely studied by the Everest Committee of the Royal Geographical Society.

Some of the most experienced Alpine guides now living were among the Swiss climbers.

The Swiss have made available to the British expedition all the physical experience they gained in their gallant assault under vicious weather conditions.

British climbers have been meeting and talking over the technical aspects. They would not say what lessons had been learned from the Swiss attempt, but one climber said the British attempt "this Spring" would have the best opportunity of any expedition thus far, given even half a chance by the weather.

The Everest team will leave early in February and spend some time acclimatizing itself to extreme altitudes before establishing camps above 21,000 feet. With it will go the finest scientific equipment believed yet devised for such a climb.

Some of the equipment has been tested in the Alps, some designed on the recommendations of Polar explorers. The oxygen equipment is of new light construction. But because Everest has beaten all attempts to climb it, the expedition will take some experimental equipment, to be used by subsequent expeditions should this one fail.—United Press.

Reds Blamed For Karachi Riot

Karachi, Jan. 8. Mr A. T. Naqvi, Joint Secretary at the Ministry of Defence, said tonight that the riots here were "Communist inspired." He said the procession had been organized and taken out by the Communist-inspired Democratic Students Federation.

Mr Naqvi added that if anything were proved against the organisers of the procession, "suitable action" would be taken.

All colleges have been closed for three days. Extra armed police tonight surrounded the homes of all Ministers.

The rioting started when police tried to break up a student demonstration protesting against the use of tear gas and batons against demonstrating students yesterday in a demand for lower fees and better learning facilities.—Reuters.

Quirino's Reply To Critics

Manila, Jan. 9. President Elpidio Quirino yesterday launched blistering attacks at critics who charged the Philippine Government with apathy towards the common man and neglect for the welfare of the poor.

An objective appraisal cannot fail to see the many accomplishments of the Philippine Government for the economic and social promotion of the common man, the Philippine President declared.

President Quirino made the statement during the turning over of 4,000,000 pesos from the Philippine counterpart fund to M.S.A. aid for the establishment of rural banks, and the promotion of industries and pilot plants calculated to accelerate the social amelioration programme in the country. The Philippine President had earlier vehemently denounced the two M.S.A. reports on the country, but later changed his stand with the explanation that after all, the reports were not official.—France-Press.

King Paul Goes On Tour

Athens, Jan. 8. A Palace communiqué today said King Paul will be going abroad next week and will be absent for some time.

His journey will be official. The communiqué did not specify the country he will visit. During his absence Queen Frederika will be Regent.—Associated Press.

Varsity Strike Called Off

Brussels, Jan. 8. Students of Brussels "Free University" today decided to end their strike against the suspension for a month of the President of the Students Union, Rene Balse.—Reuters.

Concern Over Queen's Next Christmas Broadcast

Wellington, Jan. 8.

The New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr Sidney Holland, said tonight he was fully authorised to make his Christmas Day announcement that Queen Elizabeth's Christmas Day broadcast this year would be made from Government House in Auckland.

Commenting on a London report, Mr Holland said "It was fully authorised to make the announcement I did on Christmas Day, and I have checked and confirmed that that was so. I have nothing more to say."

The New Zealand Herald of Auckland referred to the concern that seemed to have arisen in Britain about the tidings of the Queen's broadcast next Christmas.

The newspaper said the burden of the complaint was that the British people might miss the accustomed privileges of hearing the sovereign's broadcast at an hour most suitable for themselves.

If the usual time of 3 p.m. on Christmas Day was adhered to here, people in Britain would have to listen at 3 a.m. or else be content with a recorded version later.

"We in this country should make it clear that subject to Her Majesty's wishes, a broadcast from Auckland appeals to us as an act of symbolism touching the whole Commonwealth and proclaiming the distant loyalties the Throne inspires."

"It is not a matter of studying anyone's interests save the Queen's. In point of fact the timing can be arranged to suit most people. If the Queen broadcast on Christmas night here, the British people will hear her on Christmas morning, perhaps the most joyous time of the day for most families."—Reuters.

DISCORDANT NOTES STRUCK AT ASIAN SOCIALIST PARLEY

Rangoon, Jan. 8.

Asian-Socialists' views on their future relations with the Socialist International today struck three discordant notes.

Pakistan, Egypt and the Lebanon advocated complete dissatisfaction with the Socialist International. The Egyptian delegate, Mr Ahmad Hussain, threatened to walk out of the committee on the issue of any pressure being brought to bear on Socialist parties to join the International against their will.

The second view, which received the support of India, Burma, Indonesia and both wings of the Japanese Socialist Party, was that the Asian Socialists should create a permanent machinery of their own with a liaison with the International.

This group suggested that members of the Asian organisation, who are already members of the International, should continue their membership and that others should have the choice to join as new members in their individual capacity.

The Asian machinery itself should have a close link with the Socialist International, this group suggested.

The third suggestion made by the Malayan chief delegate, Mohammed Sohier, was that the conference should immediately create an Asian machinery and leave to it to discuss with the International suitable amendments to its statute.

This would enable the Asian organisation to keep regional autonomy and yet become a member of the International, this suggestion claimed.

ATTLEE'S VIEW

The British Labour Party leader, Mr Clement Attlee, told the committee that he would consider the third suggestion.

The Asian Socialist Conference's second committee—on Asian economic problems—under the chairmanship of the Indonesian delegate, Mr Tandiono Manue, today adopted a policy for Asian land reform.

It proposed the abolition of feudalism and the redistribution of land to the tiller of the soil. The proposals were drawn up by a subcommittee of Burma, India and the Left-wing Japanese group.

During the discussion, the Yugoslav delegate, Mr Alex Babler, opposed collectivisation which, he said, led to bureaucracy and recommended co-operative farming instead.

Similar opposition to collectivisation was made last night by India's chief delegate, Mr Jayaprakash Narayan during discussion on the ideological problems of Socialism.

The third committee on Asian problems today discussed Gandhian civil disobedience as a method lying somewhere between non-violence and violence of achieving Socialism in Asia.

Mr Narayan had also advocated this last night.

This committee set up a subcommittee to study improvement of economic conditions in Asia.

India's chief delegate to the Asian Socialist Conference, Mr Jayaprakash Narayan, declared here last night that peasants and not workers should form the spearhead of a socialist revolution in Asia.

"If we depend on workers as the West does, we will never achieve our goal. In every sphere—in elections and even in an armed insurrection—we need the support of peasants," he said.

Mr Narayan, speaking on ideological problems of socialism last night, said he rejected the Soviet system because it "becomes a tool for bureaucratic exploitation of workers."

He advocated a process in which a new class of peasant proprietors would pool their

holdings into the village society, run by them on the basis of equality.

Only such a system of decentralisation would enable every group on earth to share power in administration which was the essence of democratic socialism, Mr Narayan said.

Collectivisation in the Soviet Union on the other hand had built up a hierarchy denying the worker any voice in administration, he added.

Mr Narayan said he would also reject the Soviet political structure as a model for socialists "because it is a one-party organisation, based on dictatorship, constant purges, and restricted membership where democracy does not exist any longer."

"Russia made a good beginning as a socialist state, but erred when it began distorting history instead of interpreting it," Mr Narayan added. "Some of us believe that if the original concept of construction of Soviet Russia had been adhered to, Russian Communism would not have landed in a morass in which it finds itself today."—Reuters.

Roosevelt Probe Into Rearmament

London, Jan. 8.

Franklin D. Roosevelt (Democrat—Liberal, New York), member of the House—Foreign Affairs Committee, arrived here today for what he termed "a fact-finding visit" on British and French rearmament. He will remain here only two days.

Roosevelt plans to talk to American representatives dealing with North Atlantic Treaty Organisation matters before going on to Paris.

The son of the late American President said that a number of "visits at high levels" would follow the talks which Mr Churchill and President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower had this week in New York. He said: "I cannot say what will be concluded. But they will be connected with the change in the United States administration."

So far, a full-dress governmental visit by Mr Churchill to Eisenhower is on the cards for February or March.

It is expected that Mr Churchill will be accompanied by the Foreign Secretary, Anthony Eden, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, R. A. Butler, as well as a group of fiscal experts. He is expected to take the new President's plan for Anglo-American economic co-operation roughly out by the recent Commonwealth economic conference.—Associated Press.

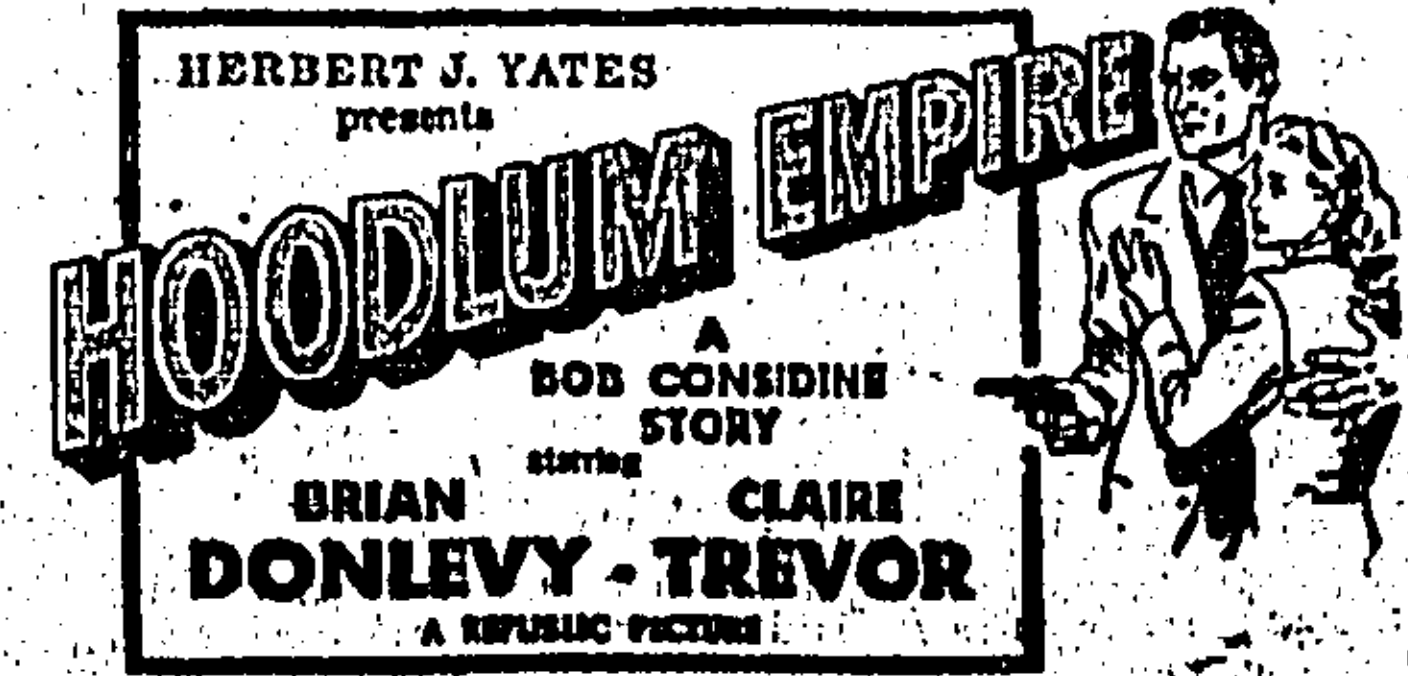
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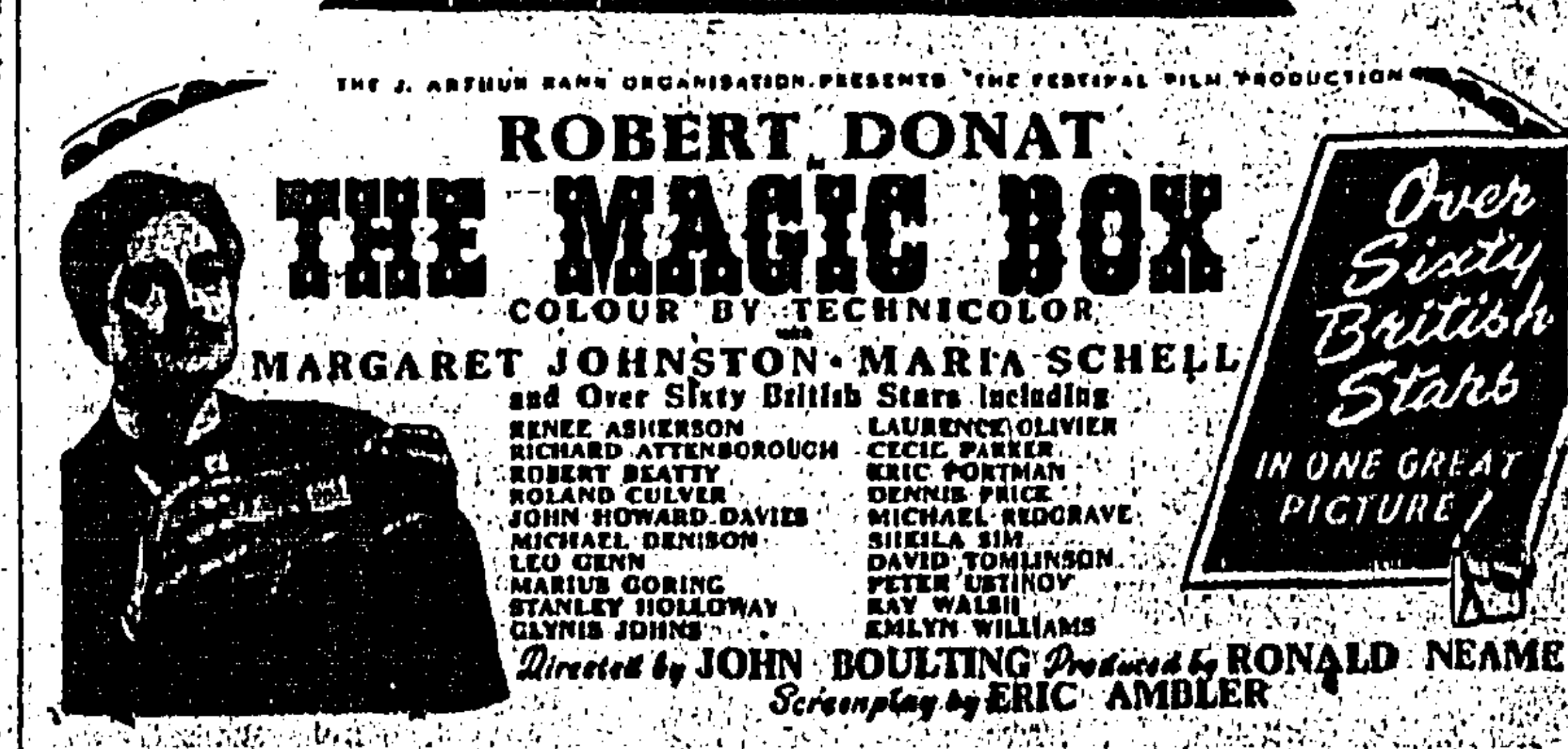


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London. If you see an odd little man roaming round the streets with a Union Jack in each hand and the grin of happiness on his face you will know it is me telling the world that I am British.

For the fifth time in four years I am back from the Far East, and for the first time I really feel good about the things I have seen. I'll tell you about some of them.

One day in Korea I went to see the American Marines. If you've ever been to the cinema you must be aware that the Marines are the pride of American fighting forces. They think, and with some right, that they are the goods.

An Intelligence officer was showing a map of the front to some American V.I.P.s. "Here we are," he said, pointing to a lot of coloured pins, "and here on our right flank are the British. Mighty glad we are to have them there. No other troops in Korea would make us feel so safe."

This was not meant for me in particular, because I was inconspicuous in the background, but my British heart swelled with pride.

All along the line it is the same. They all think the British troops are tops. So they are, of course. We all know that. But it is awfully heartening to hear other people say so.

They are just ordinary Britons, Liverpool boys, in the King's, Cockneys in the Fusiliers, Yorkshiremen in the Duke of Wellington's, miners in the Durham Light Infantry, and Scots in the Black Watch. Half are National Service boys, but they are ambassadors all.

Inside the Commonwealth Division it's just the same. You know what Australians are. They're culprits. But I never met one who didn't say he was glad to be on the line with the boys from Britain. Ditto the Canadians, ditto the New Zealanders, ditto the Indian ambulance unit.

It is the true idea of Empire put into practice and working well.

So here's a New Year resolution: Hold your head high and don't be ashamed of the Union Jack.

On the dreary forty-mile road between Seoul and the front the Naafi has built a chain of pull-ups for military carmen. There is nothing else like them in the whole of Korea and they are always packed with drivers of all nations.

In Seoul itself the Naafi gift shop seems to have more American customers than British.

So here's another New Year resolution: In future let's be nice about the Naafi.

Lost: a moan

YOU remember all the fuss there was two years ago about the winter clothing in Korea? Well, after this trip I am prepared to go on record as saying that our winter clothing is now as good as anything the Americans have got. Most of the boys think it is better.

In fact, one of their means is that there is nothing in their equipment they can moan about. Some of the items are so good that there is a lively black (or khaki) market in them, with the Americans offering £3 to £4 for one of our pull-overs and nearly as much for our pyjama-style underpants.



BERNARD WICKSTEED

Another resolution: Let no one take our pants off in 1953.

For more heartening news of British enterprise let's jump from Korea to a little strip of the swampy coastline of Borneo. It is about ten miles long and half a mile wide, with the jungle on one side and the South China Sea on the other. In between is the Seria oilfield that hardly anyone in this country has ever heard of.

Yet it is the largest single oilfield in the Commonwealth and produces 250,000,000 worth of oil a year. And it is oil that does not cost dollars.

Seven years ago when the Japs left it the place was a wreck. The machinery had been blown up and 37 wells were on fire. With quiet efficiency and only about a thousandth of the publicity that attended the great groundnut scheme in Africa, British brains and capital went to work. Today the strip of swamp yields 3,750,000 gallons of oil a day.

I was telling an American journalist about it in Tokyo. He had never heard of the place. He had no idea that in 1952 the British were doing anything in this oil business beyond losing Abadan, and he made arrangements to visit Seria at once.

Resolution: Let's shout louder about our triumphs.

Dear old Naafi

HERE'S a good laugh, too, for anyone who has been in the Forces. The dear old Naafi, but of a thousand military jokes, is now so good in Korea that it has become a dollar terror!

We always knew that behind those cups of tea and toothpaste the Naafi hid a heart of gold; but now the Canadians—and Americans have learned it too—to the tune of 2,000,000 dollars a year.

Prestige noise

AND what greater triumph is there to shout about than the Comet? Four years ago when I flew East I had to make part of the journey in a Lancastrian which was little more than a converted bomber. Passengers couldn't even smoke.

Part I made in a York, another "civilianised" warplane, and part in an old flying-boat. How different now. How gloriously different.

The Comet goes through to Singapore twice a week and at every one of the seven or eight stops it makes on the way it is a boost for Britain. Even the noise it makes as its jet engines whine to a peak for the take-off is a prestige noise—the sound of things to come.

Two together

AT Bangkok the other day there were two Comets on the ground at the same time, doing more good for the British cause than a dozen British Councils.

One of them was in the process of taking me from Singapore to London in just over a day, and the other had been showing its paces to the Americans in Manila and the Japanese in Tokyo.

There were half a dozen aircraft from other nations on the airfield, but the Comets were interested only in Comets. Did I feel good?

POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER

THE QUEEN—Chapter 5

HER REALM OVERSEAS

By Sir Charles Petrie

THE magnitude of the task which faces the Queen cannot be properly appreciated until her relations with her subjects overseas have been carefully considered, and from their point of view.

She may not officially be Queen of Canada, Australia, and the other self-governing Dominions, but, in fact, they regard her as their own monarch in exactly the same way as do the inhabitants of Great Britain itself.

Since the Statute of Westminster in 1931 the Queen may not consult her British Ministers on Dominion matters; she must act on the advice of the Government of the Dominion in question.

Fortunately, her recent predecessors have been in the habit of daily meeting people from all parts of the Commonwealth, and are thus in continual contact with opinion overseas. The Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations or for the Colonies may, while he is in office, be in closer touch officially, but as he may have been President of the Board of Trade in the last Administration, and may be First Lord of the Admiralty in the next, his personal interest in the Commonwealth can never be so great as that of the Sovereign who is its head.

Recent developments have thus added greatly to the responsibilities of the Sovereign, and circumstances might arise in which the Queen would have to act for herself—for example, if there were a clash of interests between two Dominions.

In the event of war she might even be seriously embarrassed if one of the Dominions preferred to remain neutral. In that case she would find herself compelled to sign declarations of neutrality in one capacity against herself in another. Indeed, it has even been held that the Queen could be forced to declare war on herself.

Absurd as these contingencies may appear, the fact that they are not constitutionally impossible is eloquent of the difficulties that confront the Head of the Commonwealth. In no small measure it rests with her to see that such situations never do arise, and constant attention to the affairs of each component part is demanded of her.

If, therefore, the tendency of the past 100 years has been to relieve the Crown of direct responsibility in home matters, the opposite process has been at work where Imperial problems are concerned.

In this connection it is interesting to note that in 1976, when the Royal Titles Bill was under consideration, the propriety of creating the Prince of Wales Prince Imperial of India, and his second, and third brothers Princes of Canada and Australia, was discussed between the Prime Minister, the Queen, and Queen Victoria, but the proposal was never laid before Parliament and it was disallowed by the then Prince of Wales.

When he did come to the throne as King Edward VII, he consented to a modification of the previous royal style by assuming that of Britanniarum Omnium Rex—King of All the Britains—thus recognising the British Dominions beyond the seas as part of his realm.

The British Commonwealth of Nations is marked by a complete lack of uniformity, of which even many Englishmen are only dimly aware. Over all is the Queen, the ultimate authority of hundreds of millions of people of widely contrasted races and creeds, who have to be governed in accordance with laws and precedents which vary from Dominion to Dominion and from Colony to Colony.

Each of these Colonies, with varying standards of civilisation, has its different problems, and it for the most part they are unknown in London outside the Colonial Office, from time to time they develop into a crisis which the Sovereign may be called upon to deal.

In any event, it is to her that they all look, and the attitude of their native populations is well reflected in the effort which they are making to be adequately represented at the Coronation. This loyalty is the result of the well-founded belief that the Queen takes a personal interest in them and their concerns.

Field-Marshal Smuts, speaking in London during the First World War of the influence of hereditary kingship in keeping together the British Empire, said: "You cannot make a republic of the British Commonwealth of Nations," for the process of electing a President for such a vast and complicated organisation would "pass the wit of man to devise."

He was right, and there can be little doubt that but for the Crown the Commonwealth would have fallen to pieces years ago. It was the weakness of the Spanish monarchy in the early part of the last century that caused Mexico and South America to break away from Spain, and had a similar development taken place in Britain the Colonies would have dropped off the parent tree when they were ripe.

These facts must be grasped by the British people at home, for they mean that of necessity the Queen, at any rate during the earlier part of her reign, will be out of these islands a great deal.

Fortunately, means of communication have more than kept pace with political developments, and it is almost as easy for her in these years of her accession and Coronation to get to Ottawa, Capetown, or Canberra as it was for Queen Victoria at the comparable date to travel to Edinburgh.

In these circumstances it may even be that some modification will be called for in the somewhat cumbersome procedure of creating a Council of Regency whenever the Sovereign leaves Britain. The present machinery is as out-of-date as the idea that lies behind it.

The British Commonwealth is one, whether they live in Sidmouth or Sydney, in Manchester or Manitoba.

When the Queen goes to visit her subjects overseas she does not go abroad—she goes from one part of the country to another, and it is time that the theory was made to correspond with the fact.

(TO BE CONCLUDED TOMORROW)

TRUMAN WON'T FADE FROM PUBLIC VIEW

By Kay Murray

WHEN New York Inauguration Day, January 20, comes round, some two thousand Democrats will join the ranks of the unemployed.

Some of them, of course, began leaving through the "Situations Vacant" columns as far back as November 4.

The diplomatic corps, which automatically resubmits its credentials to the new Administration, has already seen Ambassador O'Dwyer and Jessup handing in their resignations.

Many top administrators are going back into law practice, including Secretary of State Acheson, Secretary of Commerce Clegg, and Secretary of Agriculture Brannan, while Secretary of Defence Lovett is going back to his job with a New York investment firm.

But what of the most illustrious unemployed of them all—Harry S. Truman, 33rd President of the United States? He used to be a haberdasher—not a very good one, apparently, since the business went broke.

An ex-President of the United States rates no pension. As Colonel Truman of World War One, the retiring First Executive is eligible for a pension of £32 a month.

Ex-President Truman, as one White House spokesman puts it, "doesn't even rate free postage."

Tax-free gift
However, HST is not exactly ready for the poorhouse just yet.

While in office, of his Presidential emoluments \$17,850 was a tax-free gift from the Government to the only citizen who enjoys this advantage. He could have saved \$142,800 during nearly eight years of office.

What is in the cards for the Man from Missouri, the man who has had to take more momentous and lonely decisions than perhaps almost any man living?

He has said he wants a long rest from the "terrible burden" of the Presidency. The way he put it in 1951 was: "When I ride to the Capitol with my successor, whoever he is, I'm coming straight back to the White House, close my suitcase, and the next stop is Grandview, Missouri."

Grandview is the site of the Truman homestead, reacquired by him in someone else's name between 1945 and 1949, and the record seems to prove that Mr. Truman has learnt to be a better business man than he was a haberdasher.

By a coincidence probably more fortuitous than strange, the U.S. Air Force moved into the vicinity, and the two hundred acres Mr. Truman acquired in 1945 for \$41 an acre are now worth nearly £300 an acre.

Mr. Truman has plans for Grandview, though they do not necessarily include burying himself there.

A long rest is certainly indicated, not only because the

White House job is "a killer," as he himself termed it, but because his unpopularity was probably at its zenith after the election.

The personal bitterness which underlined his "give 'em hell" speeches has amazed and alarmed his friends, and certainly contributed, in large measure, to Governor Stevenson's defeat.

He has told friends he intends to take an active interest in national affairs after his retirement.

"I will keep on fighting to keep the Democratic Party the liberal party of the country," he said recently. "I owe that to my country, the people and my party."

The general feeling is that the best way Mr. Truman can discharge that debt is to keep out of the picture while Governor Stevenson, now titular head of the Democratic Party, tries to knit together its ravell'd edges.

Library plans

It is probable, therefore, that once he vacates his desk at the White House, Truman will carry out a long-cherished ambition to make a tour of the Far Eastern countries, especially those receiving Point Four aid.

As an ex-President of the U.S., of course, he would find there are plenty of business concerns who would pay handsomely to put "Harry S. Truman" on their letterhead paper.

The clothing industry has invited the ex-haberdasher to be its boss; a distilling firm has offered him \$35,000 a year to act as its president; and a hard-breathing New York agency is hoping to get first look at his memoirs.

Mr. Truman's plans almost certainly envisage a Truman Library on the Grandview farm, which would contain microfilmed records of his letters, documents and other memoranda—a project regarded in some quarters as political dynamite.

The plan would provide living quarters for students of American history, government and practical politics, and would provide for Professor Truman to mount a rest room and speak his mind on these topics, on which he is exceptionally well informed.

A Fighter

Whatever his plans for Grandview, Truman—old soldier that he is—doesn't intend to fade from the Washington scene.

He has served notice that he doesn't propose to join the rocking chair brigade. "I have no intention of meddling in affairs that are not my business," he said recently. "But being an ex-President does not deprive me of my rights... as an American citizen... I shall express my views whenever I think the situation warrants my doing so."

Truman may seek election as Senator for Missouri, or he may acquire a forum for his views under new legislation which gives a non-voting seat in the Senate to all ex-Presidents.

But don't write Harry Truman off. He's a fighter from way back.

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Hands Off Our Players— Say Bristol Rovers, The Team Of The Year

By DESMOND HACKETT

Bristol Rovers, the team of the year, have sent out a begging letter to Football League clubs... begging them not to bid for their players.

Tall, quiet-spoken manager Bert Tann took this move after Liverpool, who had already bid up to £20,000 for wonder centre-forward Vic Lambden, came again with an open cheque-lure.

Tann, the man behind this Bristol football boom, says: "During the team's wonderful run, the strain on players is terrific. Naturally with every game a vital one they get a little edgy."

"I want to avoid the risk of players in the heat of the moment saying 'There are plenty of clubs which would jump at the chance of signing me.'"

"If people knew what a grand bunch these boys are they would not take the slightest risk of unsettling them. Anyhow, the club are only waiting their time. We have a stock letter ready. 'Nothing for sale.'"

Rovers, whose team of talents cost only £600, are the

cheapest outfit in League football. This £600 could have been turned into £120,000 if the club had been prepared to sell.

TOP WAGES

Behind the success story is a happy family policy. Players get the top wage of £14 and have collected more bonus money than any other League line-up.

Tann punches home his happy family policy with this example: Mighty goalkeeper Bert Hoyle heard the rumours that Rovers planned to buy another goalkeeper. He checked up with the boss.

The answer was: "Nothing of the sort. Tell you what Bert, you will have a written agree-

ment that you will stay with us until 1956."

This, then, is the record of the contented club: Defeated Walsall 2-1 last Saturday to put up a 21-game-without-defeat record for the club.

Their 40 points was the highest end-of-the-year total for Division III (South) since the war.

They need 29 points from their last 21 games to beat the best tally since the Division was increased to 24 clubs. Nottingham Forest finished with 70 points in season 1950-51.

The attendance of 39,892 on Saturday, December 27 is an Eastville record for the season. Goal scored by Harry Gilberg for Queen's Park Rangers that day was the first League goal against Rovers since November 15.

Bristol advice for success: Keep your players happy and your cheque book in the safe. (London Express Service)

Horace Lindrum Not Coming To Hongkong

Word has been received by the Hongkong Amateur Billiards & Snooker Association that Horace Lindrum, well-known snooker player, who was invited last year to come to Hongkong for a three-day visit and to give a series of exhibitions during the early part of January, will be unable to do so owing to commitments in Australia.

Mr and Mrs Lindrum, who have been on a tour of India, left for Australia on January 5.

In a letter to Mr J. E. Medina, Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Amateur Billiards & Snooker Association, Mrs Lindrum said that there is a possibility that arrangements for her husband to visit Hongkong might be made from Australia.

Mr Medina said that his Association had, while Lindrum was in India, offered him the sum of £200 plus air passage as well as hotel and other expenses for a three-day visit to Hongkong. It was intended at the time that he should proceed to Australia after visiting Hongkong.

SNOOKER RESULTS

KCC "Red" lost to Kowloon Tong Club by 2-3 in a George Younger League snooker match last night.

Eastern "B" beat CPO Tamara, 5-0, and S. China defeat Cosmo Club 4-1.

CARRUTHERS TO DEFEND TITLE AGAINST PHILIP

Wellington, Jan. 8. Jimmy Carruthers of Australia will defend his world bantamweight boxing title against Lin Philip, New Zealand Champion, at Petone near here on April 4.

This was announced tonight by the Hutt Valley Boxing Association. The bout is dependent on Carruthers retaining his title against Vic Towell of South Africa in Johannesburg next month.—Reuter.

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Dearth Of Class Spinners A Worrying Problem For Australian Selectors

Says W. J. O'REILLY

Melbourne, Jan. 8.

W. J. O'Reilly, former Australian Test spin bowler, said today that the least worrying problem facing the Australian selectors in choosing their attack for the tour of England this year was the dearth of class spinners.

"Spin bowling has suddenly become tremendously important to us again," declared O'Reilly in the Melbourne Herald.

He said the Australian fast bowlers, Lindwall and Miller, could not be expected to do the same back-breaking work they did in the 1948 tour of England.

This emphasised the need for spinners, who could be relied upon to do the important stock bowling, he added.

O'Reilly said that Doug Ring was practically a certain choice but asked: "Where are the spinners, apart from Ring?"

"Study the position as seriously as you like and you will have to admit the selectors' job in providing us with a sound and varied attack is unenviable," O'Reilly said.

"It seems that our all-out concentration on speed bowling over the past five or six seasons to the almost complete exclusion of spin has now rebounded on us."—Reuter.

PETER WILSON Advises Promoters

DROP THESE "DEEP FREEZE" TACTICS

Alex Griffiths, promoter of the big show at Birmingham on January 19, when Randolph Turpin is due to appear, is more than usually anxious to get a suitable opponent for the British and Empire Middleweight Champion because, as he says:—

"In his last two appearances in Birmingham Turpin scored a one-round knockout and a two-round victory, and I am determined that this shall be more of a real contest."

"In fact anyone who bought tickets especially to see Turpin v. Dennis Powell—who has had to pull out because of the after-effects of influenza—can have his money back if he is not satisfied with the proposed substitute."

The difficulty is that there are so few adequate opponents for Turpin in Europe who don't want the earth for opposing him, but I have a notion that he will probably square up to the tough Belgian middleweight Champion, Andre De Keer, who recently lost a narrow points decision after an extremely tough fight against Double Miller, of South Africa.

HARRY WRITES

YOU have not heard of Harry Herbert, neither, to be honest, had I until a few days ago, when Herbert, a lightweight from that forlorn bed of great fighters, London's Bethnal Green, wrote to me.

I am satisfied that the case of this little-known East Ender spot-lights much that is wrong with the "muckheap" side of professional boxing.

Vital statistics about Herbert are that he is 24, and has been boxing for just over four years.

Six New Welsh Rugger Caps

Cardiff, Jan. 8. The Welsh Rugby Union selectors after a great deal of consideration, tonight selected the Newport half-back pair, R. Burnett and W. A. Williams, for the national team to meet England at Cardiff on Saturday week.

The selectors stated after announcing the XV that a condition of their inclusion was that if either dropped out his partner must not necessarily expect to be included in the side.

The team, which includes six new Welsh caps, was announced as follows: R. Davies of Dwyfor, Services; and Swansea, K. Jones of Newport, M. Thomas of Newport, B. L. Williams of Cardiff, G. Griffiths of Cardiff, R. Burnett of Newport, W. A. Williams of Swansea, G. Beedingham of Cardiff, J. B. Robins of Bradford, R. Stephens of Neath, R. John of Neath, S. Judd of Cardiff, J. A. Gwilliam of Gloucester and W. D. Johnson of Swansea.

The six new caps are Terry Davies, Gareth Griffiths, Roy Burnett, Geoff Beedingham, Syd Judd and W. D. Johnson. The side will be captained by Gwilliam.—Reuter.

Week-End Softball

BRAVES WILL BE OUT TO CONSOLIDATE LEAD AGAINST MADCAPS THIS SUNDAY

By "KEYSTONE"

The League-leading Braves will be going all out to down the giant-killing Madcaps this Sunday to maintain their slim single game lead in the Senior "A" Division.

The third-placed Warriors will attempt to improve their position with another win at the expense of the powerful Jaguars in Sunday afternoon's opener.

Sunday's morning Senior "A" game will pit the US Navy against the slick Pandas outfit with the Chinese boys favoured to hand the Navy their seventh straight defeat.

Three Senior "B" games are also billed for the week-end, with the spotlight focused on a double-header to be played by the Americans.

Tomorrow they take on the hustling Sticks in continuation of the thriller of two weeks ago which ended with a knotted score in the two-night eighth inning.

On Sunday, the Americans meet the Delaware tribe in a return encounter and may be expected to dish up all the tricks they know in a maximum effort to avenge a first-round reversal.

LADIES' LOOP

The Ladies' loop being all over bar the shouting, this week-end will see the start of the first of the five-game series for this Division's title. Participants in these two-team play-offs are the Wahooks and the Squaws, as predicted by the wisecracker way back in the beginning of the season.

These two outfits are both well-staffed with deadly-swinging players who have managed to hog all three top places in the Division's batting averages.

While the Wahooks have a slight edge in battery-effectiveness with the reliable arm of Skipper Terry Noronha to count on, the advantage is much reduced by a preponderance of batting power concentrated in the dark lower regions of the 'B' field of the yellow-shirted Squaws.

Fielding ability being about equal, the result of this crucial match will remain uncertain all the last out. But it may be safely presumed that the team that comes out on top Sunday morning will eventually carry off the Ladies' Division Championship this year, and both teams will put all they have into this needle encounter.

SENIOR "B" GAMES

Considerable interest will also be directed towards the third Senior "B" tilt for the week-end when the Red Sox clash with the Warriors. Both teams are presently dwelling in the dark lower regions of the 'B' Division, with the Sox a fraction ahead, having one defeat less.

The cold and lonesome Warriors will strain every sinew and sinew to drag the Sox down to keep them company on the unenvied bottom rung.

The other two Senior "B" Division games will have all three teams in the current triple tie fighting hard for survival.

The hustling Rexes match muscles with the ponderous Americans tomorrow, while the Delawares will have their scalp knives ready in anticipation of a repeat performance of their first-round slaughter of the Americans.

Whatever the final issue of these two games, a break-up of the present three-way tie for the lead in the "B" Division is inevitable, much to the satisfaction of the Blackhawks swooping along hard on the heels of the League-leaders.

EASY FORECASTING

Senior "A" Division tilts are not as hard to forecast, with the Division's weaker teams pitted against much stronger opposition.

The Panda Bearcats are highly favoured to take the measure of the US Navy boys. Playing fine, steady ball of late, the Chinese outfit have not done better only due to sheer misfortune in the last few games. On present form, the Navy squad

is not expected to put up serious opposition to the Bearcats due to chronic battery-weakness.

The Braves should be able to take the Madcaps in their stride after the brilliant win they registered against St. Joseph's last week. Though the Caps surprised the whole League by topping South China last Sunday, tettering team performance and frequent streaks of wildness will not permit them the brand of steady ball required to jostle the Tribe from the coveted rail position.

Canny master-minding won the day for the Caps last week-end when speedballer Joey Grace was started in place of old reliable Kelly Silva-Nello. Results being what they were, the logical deduction would be that Grace will again receive the nod as starting pitcher this week.

The Braves not having met up with his private repertoire of splinters and fast pitches for one whole season, Grace has the best chance of his career to put one over the Tribe, and he will have the moral and vocal support of all the other pennant-contenders as well as the major portion of the rooters.

UNPREDICTABLE

The most unpredictable tilt of the week is the Warriors-Jaguars game. Red Pereira's boys edged narrowly past the Warriors in the first round, but have since fallen by the wayside with five staggering losses while the Warriors, picking up the fight again with gusto, have swept aside most of the opposition to forge ahead into third place.

The two outfits are evenly matched in every aspect, and the game will probably go with the "breakers". However, with pennant pressure off the Jags and two frustrating losses in a row for the

Title Fight For Turpin In Coronation Week

Melbourne, Jan. 8. Jack Solomons, British promoter said today that Randolph Turpin would fight the world's middleweight title (liffe in London) during Coronation Week, according to the Melbourne newspaper, "The Argus". The London promoter is quoted by the newspaper as saying: "I know United States interests will press for Bobo Olsen's claims strongly, but I favour Charles Humez of France as Turpin's opponent."

Mr Solomons added that the one thing certain was that he would promote the fight during Coronation Week in London and that Turpin, the British Champion, would be a contender for the title relinquished by Roy Robinson recently.—Reuter.

Soccer Players Suspended

Tom Chung-sing, of the Police 1st XI who was sent off the field during the Senior Challenge Shield replay between S. China and Police on December 18 for attempting to kick an opponent was found guilty by the Emergency Sub-committee of the Hongkong Football Association yesterday and suspended up to January 15, 1953.

Yuen Yiu-lam, also of the Police 1st XI who was sent off during the same match for "committing a serious foul" against an opponent, pleaded guilty and was suspended up to March 31, 1953.

Warriors, it is quite likely that the Jaguars will go into their jolting act again and take a much-needed game from their rivals.

WEEK-END MATCHES

Junior Division: 2.30 p.m. CAA v. Comets; Dodgers v. 85 Bantams. Senior "B" Division: 4.00 p.m. Americans v. Rexes; Warriors v. Red Sox.

SUNDAY

Ladies' Play-off Series: 9.30 a.m. Squaws v. Wahooks. Senior "A" Division: 11.00 a.m. US Navy v. Pandas; 2.00 p.m. Warriors v. Jaguars; 2.30 p.m. Braves v. Madcaps. Senior "B" Division: 12.30 p.m. Delawares v. Americans.

Archery Club Is Finding Its Feet

The new Hongkong Archery Club is rapidly finding its feet and a shooting ground is now at the Club's disposal, while the difficulty of obtaining equipment is being gradually overcome.

Mr John C. Root, President of the Club, says that Japanese bows and arrows have proved excellent and far superior to the lemonwood bows that have been for the most part the only equipment available in Hongkong.

The Committee members have started friendly correspondence with the Scottish Archery Association, Australian Archery Association, and the Singapore Archery Club.

It is first intended to exchange scores on a friendly basis and later enter into postal shoots with these organisations. Plans are also being made for postal shoots with several American archery clubs.

"Most of the club members are in the 'beginners' stage," but with the arrival of new equipment the club intends to work on all beginners until they can qualify for the "Archers' Classification." This should be accomplished by the end of January.

CLASSIFICATIONS

There are three classifications for archers: 1. Archer; 2. Bowman; 3. Expert Bowman. As each member reaches these classifications he will be awarded a badge that designates his new standing.

On February 8 the Hongkong Archery Club will hold its first inter-club tournament. Prizes will be offered for the first three places in the women's and men's events.

Tentative plans are being made for an Archery Golf Shoot during the latter part of February. The date will be published later.

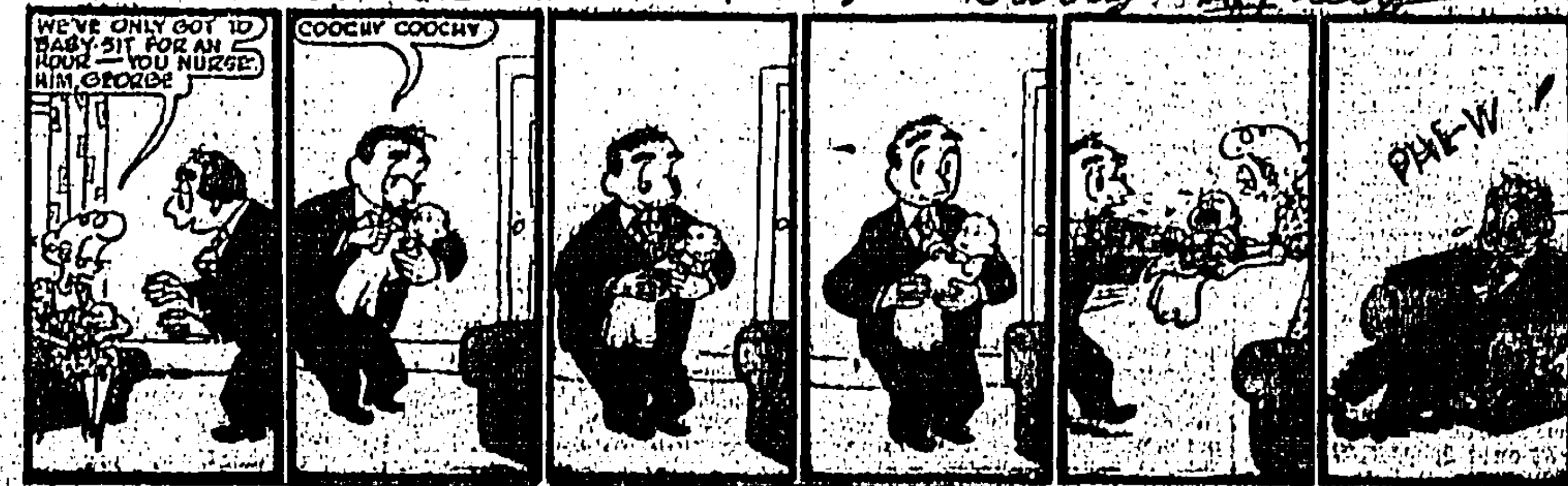
Meanwhile archery activities in the Hongkong Police Recreation Club have slowed down considerably—not through lack of enthusiasm but through the breakage of their Club arrows.

However, with the arrival of new arrows the Police are likely to play an important part in the forthcoming tournament.

The Kowloon Cricket Club has several members shooting with the Hongkong Archery Club. It has a formidable women's team lined up.

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Quest To Prove Inca Life In Galapagos Is.

Guayaquil, Jan. 8.

The Norwegian explorer Thor Heyerdahl said today that he hoped his forthcoming voyage to the turtle-infested Galapagos Islands would bear out his theory that there is a definite link between the South American and Polynesian cultures.

Mr Heyerdahl and two other scientists, Erik Reed of the United States and Arne Skholsvold of Norway, plan to leave within a few days for Ecuador's Galapagos Islands, where they will spend four months digging for evidence that Inca Indians lived there before the advent of the Spanish Conquerors 400 years ago.

The Norwegian explorer said, in an interview, that he had reason to believe pre-Spanish Ecuadorian or Peruvian Indians stopped off at Galapagos in the course of their raft expeditions to Polynesia.

Mr Heyerdahl's new journey is to be a follow up on his trip on a crude log raft to the South Seas, which he made famous through his book and film, "Kon Tiki".

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He said the northernmost portion of the Humboldt Stream in the Pacific made it possible for tiny craft to reach the Galapagos, 800 miles off the Ecuador coast, while other rafts headed off for Polynesia. He said a permanent establishment in Polynesia "was possible because of better living conditions there."

He said there was evidence that wild cotton grew abundantly in the Galapagos and it was found to be of the same type as that grown by the Inca Indians in Peru.

He said this proved the South American Incas had gone out to the Galapagos.

The Scandinavian explorer was reluctant to discuss other possible evidence bearing out his belief in cultural identity between Western South America and the South Seas Islands.

He said final establishment of his thesis would have to await definite proof of Inca presence in the Galapagos, which he hoped to bring back from his expedition.—United Press.

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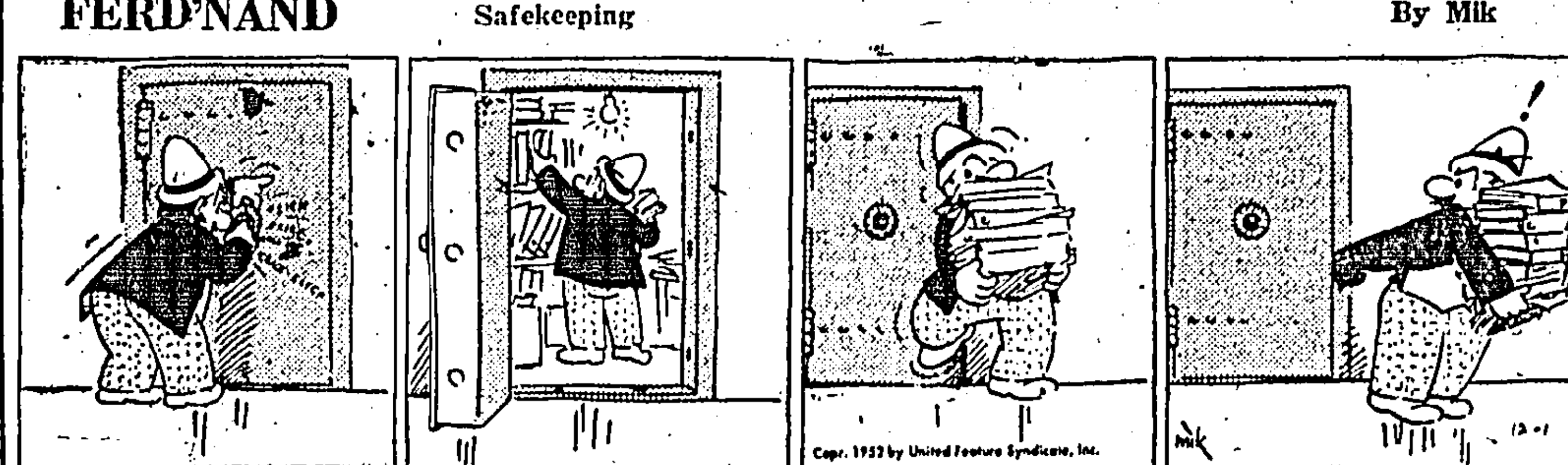
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NY Foreign Exchange

Closing Rate January 8, 1953

Canada (dollar) 1.00-15/16

England (sterling) 2.27 bid

France (franc) 2.50 asked

Italy (lira) 2.27 bid

Australia (pound) 2.27 bid

New Zealand (pound) 2.27 bid

South Africa (pound) 2.27 bid

Belgium (franc) 2.27 bid

Denmark (krone) 2.27 bid

Sweden (krone) 2.27 bid

Switzerland (franc) 2.27 bid

Netherlands (guilder) 2.27 bid

Norway (krone) 2.27 bid

Portugal (escudo) 2.27 bid

Spain (peseta) 2.27 bid

Greece (drachma) 2.27 bid

Turkey (lira) 2.27 bid

India (rupee) 2.27 bid

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Commonwealth Plan To Beat The Dollar Crisis Is New Year Keynote

(By Patrick Maitland, MP)

London, Jan. 8.

The New Year brings real hope. Twelve months ago Britain had stumbled out of the most perplexing General Election for more than 20 years. A Tory majority was returned which seemed too fragile for power, too little to govern.

In the Commonwealth, we knew that our King was ailing but little did we imagine, after his recent improvement, that within a few weeks we should be filing past his bier in Westminster Hall to mark not only the passing of a man but the start of an epoch.

That epoch, barely upon us, bristles with novelty: it is spiky with its hates and its problems.

But the year past has brought, at least to the Commonwealth's millions, the sight of something fresh.

And above all, the Commonwealth has a plan to beat the dollar crisis. Such is the New Year's note. For the first great event after Mr. Eisenhower's inauguration will be the biggest Anglo-American parley in Washington since Mr. Churchill went to Ottawa and Washington in December 1941 within days of Pearl Harbour.

It is typical of the subtle preparations, and the delicacy of the forthcoming encounter that Whitehall denied altogether that it was on hand until the Commonwealth Economic Conference had finished.

But since the Prime Ministers parted there has been a change. First, they profess to have a 'plan' though in the same breath they announce that its details need working out with friendly countries. Australia's Bob Menzies, never given to adding his dot to the 'i' and his cross to the 't', says that the details do, indeed, need negotiation with the United States as much as anybody.

IN POUND'S HEYDAY

So it must be assumed that, while the Prime Ministers know what they want, they aim to persuade the new American Administration that much of it is the Americans' own idea.

The substance of the 'plan' is officially hidden. But I can give some critical details. Mr. Hargrave, South African Finance Minister, is the prophet of an upward revaluation of the dollar price for gold. And it marked a major switch in American thinking to his line of thought when ex-collectors of the ECA Mission to London last Summer published an analysis of the Sterling Area crisis. It ran to many hundred pages. The document recalled that in the heyday of the Pound, the Sterling Area ran a \$300,000,000 trade deficit with the dollar countries, each year. This was made good by yearly sales of newly-mined gold for about \$500,000,000.

Had the Commonwealth Prime Ministers resolved not to propose to the United States that the dollar should be devalued in accordance with that thesis, the biggest year in history for visitors to it was the most prolonged.

Rome, Florence, Naples and other cities still have tourists by the thousands in mid-winter, long after most tourist years end.

2. Italians have confidence in the Lira.

This is a continuation of a trend which has gone on for several years.

Inflation during and after the war made Italians almost as wary of the Lira as Frenchmen were of the Franc.

Now Italians hold on to their Lira. Fewer want dollars.

Black market operators in Lira have another reason for the minuscule difference between the open and official Lira rates.

They say Italy has so much dollar exchange that importers find no difficulty getting grants through official channels, and thus are unwilling to go onto the black market. Associated Press.

Chicago Grain Futures

Chicago, Jan. 8.

Wheat closed today 3/4 higher to 1/2 lower and soybeans were 1/2 to 2/3 lower on mixed and hard.

Grains recovered from the interest in wheat divided the market. Prices closed today as follows:

Wheat—price per bushel

Spot 2.30 nominal

March 2.33

May 2.35

July 2.37

September 2.39

December 2.41

March 2.43

May 2.45

July 2.47

September 2.49

December 2.51

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